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CUSTOMS DUTY ON PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rales of customs duty currently applicable on import of palm oil:

(b) whether a huge quantity of palm oil has been smuggled into the country;and

(c) if so. details thereof and corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this connection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): The current customs duty rate applicable to import of crude palm oil is nil and on refined paim oil is 7.5%.

(b) & (c): The details of cases booked relating to smuggling of Palm oil during the period 2005-06 to 2008-09 (Apr -Sept :08) arc as under:-

Year	No. of cases	Qty. of Palm oil (inMTs)	Value involved (Rs. tn lakhs)
2005-06	295	20541.49	4031.98
2006-07	47	492.8	156.51
2007-08	2	453.7	95.99
2008-09	Nil		

The Field formations and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have been directed to be alert and vigilant to thwan any attempt of smuggling of Palm oil into the country.